

Final Meeting Notes

LCR-MSCP Steering Committee

July 27, 2005

Las Vegas, NV

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 24, 2005 at the McCarran Airport, Las Vegas, NV. (Mezzanine Level Rooms 4-5)

Attending:

Lorri Gray
Glen Gould
Jed Blake
John Swett
Bill Grossi
Bill Werner
Charles Paradzick
David Weedman
Tom Hine
Doug Miller
Theodore Cooke
David McHenry
Wade Noble
Ray Hedrick
Chris Hayes
Canh Nguyen
Richard Rowe
Monica Swartz
Gerald Zimmerman

Michael Remington
Vikki Dee Bradshaw
Robert Micalizio
Ed Smith
Larry Purcell
Bill Carhahan
Anthony Miller
George Caan
Phillip Lehr
Jon Sjoberg
Zane Marshall
Steve Koon
Jack Stonehocker
Gary Hansen
Bill Lamb
Mark Biddlecomb
Mark Stone
Bryan Plude
Michael Langley

Vashti Supplee
Nick Melcher
Fred Worthley
Larry Riley

Jerry Cormick
Jeannie Bouvia

By Telephone

Maury Jordan
Debbie Mayes
Kathy Wilson
Bruce Young
Lesley Fitzpatrick
Laura Simonek
Doyle Wilson
Maureen Rose George

Administrative Matters

Introductions

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. with Jerry Zimmerman in the chair. There were introductions of all attending in person and on the telephone.

Review of Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed and additions were as follows:

1. Add Status of Legislation by Zane Marshall.

Public Comments:

No public comment was offered.

Approve June 22, 2005 Meeting Notes

The June 22, 2005 Meeting Notes were approved by consensus, with minor corrections. (Moved by Bill Carnahan, seconded by Bill Grossi)

Steering Committee Administration

Motion regarding the Hualapai Tribe Steering Committee Membership (Motion 05-012)

The Steering Committee approved by consensus the Steering Committee Membership of the Hualapai Tribe by the following resolution (moved by George Caan, seconded by Tom Hine):

I move that the Hualapai Tribe be admitted to membership on the Steering Committee within the Native American Participant Group on the conditions that it abide by the terms of the Funding and Management Agreement and the By-laws of the Steering Committee and regularly attend Steering Committee meetings.

(Resolution 05-008)

Recommendation for SunSparc Disposal (R05-007)

The Steering Committee approved by consensus the following resolution regarding disposal of the SunSparc Computer Work Station (moved by Bill Werner, seconded by Tom Hine):

Based upon an investigation by Mr. Christopher Harris and Mr. Phillip Lehr, it has been determined that there is little to no value to be gained in retaining or utilizing the SunSparc 20 computer workstation during implementation of the LCR MSCP. The SunSparc 20 workstation was purchased during the early years of LCR MSCP development. All of the functions originally performed on the SunSparc 20 workstation are now performed on PC-based platforms.

Therefore, it is the motion of the LCR MSCP Steering Committee, that the authorized representative of the Steering Committee, Mr. Christopher Harris, contact an appropriate electronics recycling center in the Los Angeles area and arrange for disposal of the hardware and related peripheral equipment.

FY06 Workplan

Lorri Gray presented the Workplan for fiscal year 2006. She reviewed a few of the tables and showed where the workplans for FY04 and FY05 were cross referenced. There will be a Technical Review Meeting on August 8-9, 2005 at the ADWR office in Phoenix, AZ. The Final FY06 Workplan will be ready for action at the August Steering Committee Meeting. The FY04, FY05, and the FY06 workplans will be posted on the LCR MSCP website.

Status of Grant Group

The Workgroup identified the following tasks:

1. Develop a catalog of applicable grant programs that may be compatible with LCR MSCP implementation.
2. Develop list of general, and/or specific issues to identify for Steering Committee consideration and discussion.
3. The workgroup will need to work with Reclamation and Steering Committee participants to identify specific projects that could become the focus of specific grant program applications.
4. Develop a process to determine how grant dollars will be credited.
5. Schedule – The workgroup anticipates having the above referenced tasks completed by October 1, 2005.

Status of Legislation

Douglas Miller summarized the current status of the initiative by non-Federal partners to develop federal legislation to “backstop” the assurance provisions of the MSCP documents. Briefing documents are currently being developed for members of the House and Senate. He is intending to schedule a conference call to discuss progress in the near future. Those who would like to participate should contact Douglas Miller by email at dkmiller@cap-az.com.

Reports and Informational Items

Lorri announced that Jerry Zimmerman, George Caan, and Bill Werner have been invited to present information on the LCR MSCP at the White House Conference on Environmental Partnerships to be held in St. Louis in September.

John Swett presented a power point on the monitoring of avian species.

Larry Riley of AZ Game and Fish invited the Steering Committee to have its September meeting in Phoenix, AZ and attend a one-day workshop on the recovery of native fish species. It would provide an opportunity to discuss how the LCR MSCP might coordinate with restoration efforts in the Upper Basin and the San Juan Basin.

It was agreed that, should there be a September meeting of the Steering Committee, it will be held on the third Wednesday, September 21, 2005, in Phoenix.

Meeting Adjourn

SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS
Steering Committee Meeting
July 27, 2005

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Action Items

1. ACTION – Approve 6-22-05 Meeting Notes

The Steering Committee approved by consensus the Steering Committee meeting notes, as corrected (moved by Bill Carnahan, and seconded by Tom Hine).

2. Motion 05-012 Hualapai Tribe Membership

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(Resolution 05-007)

September Meeting

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Reports and Documents

It was agreed that the Bureau would make copies of reports and documents to be discussed at Steering Committee meetings available in electronic form. Those who require or prefer to have hard copy should inform Jeannie Bouvia at jbouvia@lc.usbr.gov. The exception will be documents that are not prepared in time to ensure that they can be downloaded before the meeting and hard copies of these documents will be provided at the meeting.

Documents

The Bureau distributed disks containing the program documents, as agreed at the June Steering Committee meeting. Those who did not receive the disks should contact Jeannie Bouvia at jbouvia@lc.usbr.gov.

Meeting Summary

Lorri Gray reviewed and explained the Draft FY06 Workplans. There will be a technical review meeting at the Arizona Department of Water Resources in Phoenix, AZ, August 8 and 9. The final Workplan will be submitted for action at the August Steering Committee meeting.

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Phil Lehr reported on the first meeting of the Grants Committee. The Committee prepared an outline of a proposed process to identify and evaluate the feasibility of potential grant programs; identify any qualifying LCR MSCP projects, activities or needs; develop linkages with potential grant programs and LCR MSCP annual work plans and budgets; and prepare individual grant program applications.

A key issue that they identified is how to credit any grant funds against the program. They will develop a list of options for the Steering Committee to consider when addressing possible grant opportunities.

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